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Yossi Gross et al.

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Art Unit: 3731

For: Surgical tools and techniques for stimulation

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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- ☐ 3. Cite No(s). _____ are not in the English language.
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[A/An _____ Search Report, dated _____, which issued during the prosecution of _____ Application No. _____ which corresponds to the present application.]

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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